## Town of Huachuca City

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, 2020

## **PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-04**

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING OCTOBER, 2020, AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an issue affecting Arizonans in all communities, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

WHEREAS, twenty-four people in the United States are victims of intimate partner violence every minute; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in ten men have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 30 percent of children exposed to intimate partner violence had their first exposures before the age of two, and an additional 26 percent had their first exposures between the ages of two and seven; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are more likely to experience long-term mental and physical health concerns including a higher risk of chronic disease, substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, challenges related to the COVID-19 global pandemic, including stressors such as unemployment, reduced income, limited resources, and social support, may increase risk factors for family violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the state-wide "Lighting Arizona Purple" campaign provide important opportunities to enhance education, prevention and intervention efforts around domestic violence and support organizations and individuals who provide advocacy efforts, services and assistance to victims.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Johann R. Wallace, Mayor of the Town of Huachuca City, Arizona, by the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arizona and Town Code, and by this Proclamation do:

- 1. Hereby proclaim October, 2020, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Town of Huachuca City.
- 2. Encourage all residents of the Town to participate in the "Lighting Arizona Purple" campaign by supporting the Huachuca City Police Department and wearing purple on "Wear Purple Day" on October 22, 2020.

**ORDERED** by the Mayor of the Town of Huachuca City, Cochise County, Arizona, this 8th day of October, 2020.

ATTEST:

Brandye Thorpe, Town Clerk

Johann R. Wallace, Mayor

Thomas Benavidez, Town Attorney